

[1591], and McNab's Heir [1590]. The former is a light bay, white face and white hind feet, and is owned by R. & J. A. Turner, Calgary; the latter, a dark brown horse, owned by Mr. Wm. Martin, St. Jean Baptiste. Both are descended from Darnley (222), the former through Darnley's Hero (5697), the latter through the celebrated MacGregor (1487). Both were imported by D. & O. Sorby, of Guelph, Ont. The former was a winner in Toronto, and the latter in Elgin, Scotland. The Calgary horse has extra good quality of bone and hair, is rather lighter than his rival, is a good goer and has a stylish carriage. The St. Jean animal was higher in condition and went quite as well through his paces, and had the advantage in length and quality of pastern, but was not so good in set of hock. Balgreggan Hero secured first in his class, the special prize for best Clydesdale stallion in the show, given by the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, and the sweepstakes silver medal for the best heavy draught stallion on the ground, given by the FARMER'S ADVOCATE; third prize for the three-year-old Clyde was given to Ellerslie Chief (Vol. 15), a roan with four white feet, which he could handle in great style. In the two-year-olds Brooklin Boy [1833], by Tannahill (1205), was first, and Blaine [1839], by Prince of Gourrock [624], was second. The latter is a good thick colt, but lacked the quality of his rival. The mares and foals were fair in quality, but many of them had not been fitted for a show ring. The fillies were not numerous and not of extra quality, most of them having had little but what they could pick up in the pasture ranche. The silver medal for best female any age in the Clydesdale class went to a mare by Garnet Cross (1662), owned by J. B. Chambers, Wawanessa.

Shires.—The show of Shires was a most excellent one, and has not been equalled at the Toronto Industrial in the stallion classes for several years. There was a large turnout in the aged class, and while they were not of the uniform type seen in the Clydesdale class, there were several animals of good merit. First prize fell to Blacksmith (8796), by the celebrated Vulcan (4145), a bright, gay horse, chestnut, with some white points, bred by Earl of Ellesmere. He is rather on the small side for a Shire, but his quality and splendid action carried him to the front. Second place fell to Sir James (4689), by Sir George (2905), a dark brown horse, a good mover, but beginning to show his age a little in his hollow back. Third place fell to Errand Boy, a rich bay horse with off white feet, a well bodied horse, thick and well topped, but light in the forearm. Of the others, some were very heavy horses with good bodies, but lacking in quality of bone and pastern. In the three-year-old class Better Luck, by Luck (3837), was first, and Grove Stanley 2nd (11550) was second; both very fair specimens, but the former had the quality. The classes of mares and fillies were not filled, there being but one mare shown, a black mare, Gipsy. The sweepstakes for best stallion was taken by J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, with Blacksmith. There were but three Percherons on the ground; first was taken by Jacques, a heavy bodied black, eleven years old. There was one specimen of the Boulonnais breed on the ground, and one of the English Suffolk-Punch, the horse Bromswell (1583), which was given a special ticket.

ROADSTERS AND CARRIAGE HORSES.

In the Roadster class the stallion sweepstakes went to Sharper 7001, a trotting stallion with a record of 2.19½. Second place went to Wildmont 2291, with a record of 2.27 at four years old. They seem both to be likely animals from which to breed light, fast-going trotters. First in the three-year-old class went to Kewayden 14491, a rich brown, descended from the Wilkes family of trotters. In the section for brood mares, Lulu S, a Goldust mare, very thin in flesh, but with nice clean legs and good quality of bone, was first; while the rich bay filly, Ailsa Craig, with fine bone and extra good quarters, captured the ticket in the three-year old class, and also the sweepstakes. The carriage class was well represented. There were two divisions in this class, the 16 hands and over going in

one, and those under 16 hands in the other, for which, however, there were no entries. In the former the Yorkshire Coach horse, Yorkshire Lad (1229), was first, a dark bay with dark points and high set tail. The sweepstakes went to the stylish three-year-old horse, Stamford Bridge Swell, a horse with lots of size and deep, thick chest—a likely sire for good, big coaching teams, which are always in demand if they have quality and style with size. In this class there was a fair Hackney shown, a class of horses now in great demand both in England and United States. In the Thoroughbred class the English bred horse Comrade was first, a horse well coupled and of good size. Second place went to Northwest Blair Athol, a grandson of the renowned Blair Athol. In the three-year-olds Sabre was first. The sweepstakes went to E. H. E. Webb-Bowen, of Brandon, for the best stallion in the class.

The judge in the heavy classes of horses was Mr. D. McCrae, of Guelph, Ont., and in the light horses, Dr. Rutledge, of Lambeth, Ont.

In the Canadian Draught and General Purpose classes a marked improvement was noticeable over last year, both as regards numbers and quality. There was an increase of over thirty entries. In Canadian Draughts very superior brood mares were shown, also fillies and foals. The exhibit of teams was also excellent. In the General Purpose class a very fine lot of young horses were shown. Although some of the young animals were not as heavy as might be desired, their quality and uniformity speak well for the breeding of their sires. In fact, the exhibit was most gratifying. There were no less than five teams of exceptional merit forward. We would suggest to the directors the propriety of separating the Agricultural and General Purpose classes, as it is very difficult for the judge to decide when these two classes are shown together. Mr. James Elder, of Virden, placed the tickets in these classes.

CATTLE.

The exhibit in all classes of cattle was very much larger and superior in quality to that of last year. Notwithstanding a large new stable had been erected, additional temporary stabling had to be built after some of the stock had arrived. The new stable is built according to the suggestions made by this journal a year ago, with a passage through the centre on a level with the stock, the mangers being along the wall and not facing the public, as the old ones are. It is a pity the building was not made a few feet wider, so as to give more passage room. We trust this will be improved upon when erecting additional accommodation for next year. The Shorthorns shown would be a credit in any show ring in Canada. From present indications these noble animals are taking the same place in this country they have in Ontario and the United States. Most of the exhibits had been well fitted for the show. The experience of the show will no doubt lead to a careful revision of the rules, and the making of any needed improvements. Great care should be exercised in the executive department of the fair in the acceptance and rejection of entries with regard to any interpretations placed upon these regulations, so that there would not be a repetition, for example, of the ruling out of Manitoba-bred cattle from competing for the herd prize in the Shorthorn class. The show is young, and it was, perhaps, not to be expected that everything would get in perfect running order for a season or two. The directors are disposed to deal liberally with the exhibitors, and will doubtless act upon any suggestions made in the way of improvement.

The show of the Polled-Angus was very small, yet there were some good representatives. We hope next year to see some of the other breeders bring out their herds, as there are several good ones in the country, and the "doddies" are proving themselves to be hardy and quite thrifty.

The Galloways were out in good number, the majority of which were excellent specimens of the breed. Their long, thick coats and hardy constitutions are making them very popular in this country. The drovers are also partial to them for shipping purposes on account of their being hornless, and excellent feeders.

The show of Herefords was fairly good, the prizes being divided between two exhibitors.

We would like to see more of our smaller breeders bring out some animals in each class, as it is not an uncommon thing at other shows to see an unknown breeder bring out an animal or two and carry off the highest awards.

The increase in the exhibit of Holstein cattle was fifty per cent. over that of last year, which is sufficient evidence that the vigorous "white and blacks" are attracting the attention of the dairymen of the country. When authenticated records of 60 to 80 pounds of milk per day are made, and 16 to 20 pounds of butter in a week, it is not surprising that those who are turning their attention to dairying should want some of that sort. The sweepstakes open to the dairy breeds, for the best herd, was captured by this breed.

There was also a good increase in the Jersey class over last year, several of which were fresh importations. Notwithstanding the long, cold winters these beautiful, fawn-like animals are in good demand with those who are determined to have the most creamy milk and gilt-edged butter.

The Ayrshires, which are often called "the poor man's cow", were out in good numbers, and, in the main, highly creditable. They are becoming very much more popular and numerous the last few years, since greater attention has been given to cheese and buttermaking. This class varied very much. Some exhibitors appeared to be developing their animals along the "general purpose" line, while others seem to be keeping in view the "special purpose" dairy characteristics without regard to form. It was evident from the different conditions in which herds were shown that the breeders differ very much in their ideas as to how their cattle should be developed, governed, probably, by what they consider to be the best type for this country. That these "bonny" Scotch dairy cattle are growing in favor with many is a very evident fact.

There were about a dozen West Highland cattle on exhibition, owned by one party—a fairly good lot, but were not in very high condition, having just been taken off the prairie.

The show of fat cattle was very creditable, there being a number of extra good ones. The grade class was very fine, there being over fifty entries, a large number of these being from the Battleford district. Many of them were extra well fleshed and did not have any special preparation for the show, indicating that there is great virtue in prairie grass, immense areas of which are not yet utilized, but which might be a source of untold wealth to the country.

The prize list, to be found elsewhere, records the winners in all the classes.

Mr. George Hyde, of Shakespeare, Ont., passed judgment upon the Shorthorns, Polled-Angus, Galloways, Herefords, and Grades; and Mr. John McTurk, of Elkhorn, distributed the honors among the Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, and West Highlanders.

SHEEP.

Mr. James Riddle, of Lintrathen, was judge in these classes, and went about his work in a most businesslike way.

Cotswolds were represented by one flock only, which came from the Regina district, where they have done well and are found exceedingly profitable.

Leicesters.—In this class there were two exhibitors, and some really excellent sheep. This breed won the Hon. Thos. Greenway's prize of \$25 and the silver medal given by the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for the best pen of sheep, open to all breeds, the fortunate winner being Mr. James Murray, of Lyleton, in Southwestern Manitoba.

Southdowns.—Some very nice animals were shown in this class. We think the first and second prizes for aged rams might have been reversed; the second prize sheep, although much smaller than the first, showed much more quality and was a better representative of the breed.

Shropshires.—In this class there was some dissatisfaction, owing to the sheep of one exhibitor not having been shown; the judge, however, made ample allowance for this. This flock was nevertheless very successful, being composed of sheep